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Amendment

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"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-302 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 All the ballots cast at any election shall, immediately after they are
6 counted, be returned by the moderator to the ballot box or boxes,
7 which shall, in the presence of two or more of the official counters and
8 before the box or boxes have been removed from the enclosure where
9 the ballots have been counted, be securely sealed and locked by the
10 moderator, and the ballot box sealing stamp shall be signed by the
11 registrars or deputy registrars of different parties and by the
12 moderator, and the moderator shall apply said stamp securely to each
13 ballot box so as to effectually seal the opening through which the
14 ballots are deposited and also the keyhole of each of such ballot boxes
15 and so that such boxes cannot be opened without breaking the ballot

16 box stamp. The moderator shall thereupon deposit the box in the
17 municipal clerk's office, to be opened and examined only by those
18 officially authorized so to do, and such clerk shall carefully preserve
19 such box with seal unbroken for one hundred eighty days after such
20 election or until the termination of any judicial proceeding requiring
21 the preservation of the ballots in such boxes, when he shall forthwith
22 open such boxes and destroy such ballots without inspection. Prior to
23 the destruction of any such ballots, the municipal clerk shall make
24 such ballots available for a period of thirty days for the purpose of
25 public inspection, including, but not limited to, public inspection for
26 the purpose of academic learning. If such boxes are opened under
27 authority of a judge of the Superior Court charged with inquiring into
28 an election, such judge shall see that all the ballots and the
29 accompanying certificates are returned to the boxes and that the same
30 are effectually sealed again."